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a tensioner disposed intermediate the first shank and the second shank, the
tensioner having a first state and a second state; and
a latch having a first latch position and a second latch position, the latch disposed
about the first shank and the second shank and releasably in communication with the
tensioner,

whereby

the first latch position maintains the tensioner in the first state and
the second latch position releases the tensioner into its second
state.

51. The improved fish hook of Claim 29 wherein the tensioner comprises a tensioner assembly.

52. The improved fish hook of Claim 44 wherein the latch comprises a cam — —.

Not shown

REMARKS

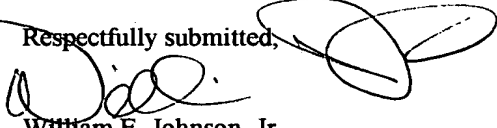
Applicant is not canceling claims 1-28 due to considerations of prior art, but rather to current commercial considerations which favor pursuing claims which embody a single wire, a feature which is neither disclosed or suggested by the art of record. A Clean Sheet of Claims 29-52 is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants extend thanks for the Examiner's kindness and suggestions, and respectfully requests a favorable consideration of Claims 29-52.

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